

**Proposed Substitute  
Bill No. 306**

LCO No. 3343

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF THE PERMIT OMBUDSMAN  
AND ASSISTANCE FOR BIOSCIENCE COMPANIES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 32-726 of the general statutes is  
2       repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3       *October 1, 2016*):

4       (b) (1) The commissioner shall establish an office of the permit  
5       ombudsman for the purpose of expediting review of permit  
6       applications for projects that would (A) create at least one hundred  
7       jobs, (B) create fifty jobs, if such project is to be located in an enterprise  
8       zone designated pursuant to section 32-70, (C) be located in a  
9       brownfield, as defined in section 32-760, (D) be compatible with the  
10      state's responsible growth initiatives, (E) be considered transit-oriented  
11      development, as defined in section 13b-79kk, (F) develop green  
12      technology business, (G) develop bioscience business, or [(G)] (H) meet  
13      the criteria set forth in subdivision (2) of this subsection. Projects  
14      ineligible for review under this section are projects for which the  
15      primary purpose is to (i) effect the final disposal of solid waste,  
16      biomedical waste or hazardous waste in this state, (ii) produce  
17      electrical power, unless the production of electricity is incidental and  
18      not the primary function of the project, (iii) extract natural resources,  
19      (iv) produce oil, or (v) construct, maintain or operate an oil, petroleum,

20 natural gas or sewage pipeline. For purposes of this section,  
21 "responsible growth initiatives" includes the principles of smart  
22 growth, as defined in section 1 of public act 09-230, and "green  
23 technology business" means an eligible business with not less than  
24 twenty-five per cent of its employment positions being positions in  
25 which green technology is employed or developed and may include  
26 the occupation codes identified as green jobs by the Department of  
27 Economic and Community Development and the Labor Department  
28 for such purposes. The permit ombudsman shall also assist and  
29 provide guidance to bioscience businesses seeking to expedite the  
30 review and approval of permits under title 8.

31 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this  
32 subsection, the commissioner may, upon consideration of the  
33 economic impact factors of the project that include, but are not limited  
34 to: (A) The proposed wage and skill levels relative to those existing in  
35 the area in which the project may be located, (B) the project's potential  
36 to diversify and strengthen the state and local economy, (C) the  
37 amount of capital investment, and (D) in the judgment of the  
38 commissioner, after consultation with the Departments of Energy and  
39 Environmental Protection, Transportation and Public Health that there  
40 is consistency with the strategic economic development priorities of  
41 the state and the municipality, deem projects eligible for expedited  
42 permitting pursuant to this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2016	32-726(b)